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Sen. Birkholz supports College Goal Sunday Feb. 9

Lansing – Sen. Patty Birkholz (R-Saugatuck Twp) is encouraging students and parents considering college to attend “College Goal Sunday,” scheduled for Feb. 9.

The Partnership for Learning, a national non-profit organization, has launched a new campaign called College Goal, aimed at helping more students obtain a college education by providing them free financial-aid assistance. College Goal Sunday is a program where volunteers are on hand to provide free information and paperwork assistance to families applying for financial aid. College Goal Sunday is for Michigan residents of all ages who expect to qualify for undergraduate admission and need financial aid and help filling out the forms.

“This is a great program for families to learn the ins and outs of financial aid,” Birkholz said. “Many lower income parents fret over how they will pay for their children’s education, even though these families are often eligible for the most money. This free program provides them the assistance they need to properly fill out the paperwork to pursue their dreams.”

Made up of more than 100 volunteers and a dozen organizations, the group provides assistance with understanding college financial aid and filling out the sometimes confusing paperwork. Students planning on attending should bring a parent or guardian, their parents’ completed 2002 IRS 1040 tax return, W-2 form or other 2002 income and benefits information. Pens and FAFSA forms will be provided.

College Goal Sunday is scheduled for this Sunday, Feb. 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. in 10 locations in Michigan.

(More)

Local sites are:

- Battle Creek Battle Creek High School, 100 West Van Buren St.
- Grand Rapids City Hope Ministries, 1975 Jefferson SE
- Kalamazoo Kalamazoo Valley Community College,
Student Commons,
6767 West O St.
- Lansing Eastern High School, 220 N. Pennsylvania

For further information on College Goal Sunday, visit www.collegegoalsunday.org or call 1-800-832-2464.

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